

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 29, which starts with “Another approach, which seeks”, with the following new paragraph:

Another approach, which seeks to avoid problems of collusion and/or fraud, is described in U.S. Patent No. 5,619,571 (Sandstrom et al.). Briefly summarized, Sandstrom et al. discloses an improved method of storing or retrieving electronic records, particularly those in the form of image streams (e.g., TIFF). An image identification code, time data provided by a trusted source, and a password are combined to generate a key. The image identification code and time data are stored in a public directory associated with the image data stream. Attributes of the image stream (e.g., its size and a hash of at least a segment of the image data) are also determined. The attributes are then used to ~~generated~~ generate a verification code. Subsequently, the verification code is first positioned within a private area associated with the data image stream, and then the private area is encrypted with the previously generated key.